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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s): Peter MATTHIESSEN *et al.* Confirmation No.: 5134
Appl. No.: 09/719,945 Examiner: Sheridan Snedden
Filing Date: February 20, 2001 Group Art Unit: 1653
Title: Stable Blood Coagulation Inhibitor-Free Factor VII Preparation and Method for Preparing Same

AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION
UNDER 37 CFR § 1.111

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

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Applicants herein respond to the office action mailed October 1, 2002 (Paper No. 9). Applicants petition for a three-month extension of time, as well as any other needed extension, and provide the requisite fee herewith. Please debit any underpayments, or credit any overpayments, to firm deposit account no. 08-1641.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

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20. (Amended) A stable pharmaceutical preparation comprising:
blood coagulation factor VII having a protease activity, when activated, of at least
50 U /mg of total protein, wherein said blood coagulation factor preparation is free from